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A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

April 3, 2007

To recognize Gladys W. Mack for her longtime service as a member of the Board of Directors of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority and to declare March 29, 2007, as "Gladys W. Mack Day" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Gladys W. Mack represented the District of Columbia as a member of the Board of Directors of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority ("WMATA") for 23 years and served 3 times as its Chair;

WHEREAS, Gladys W. Mack provided the District of Columbia invaluable dedication and commitment throughout her tenure as a board member;

WHEREAS, in 1985, Gladys W. Mack became the first woman to chair the WMATA Board of Directors;

WHEREAS, Gladys W. Mack played a crucial role in the development of the Metrorail system and the subsequent expansion projects;

WHEREAS, Gladys W. Mack pioneered efforts to expand minority contracting and improve ethnic and gender diversity;

WHEREAS, Gladys W. Mack led the efforts to designate 2006 "The Year of the Bus" in an effort to increase the number of riders and improve Metrobus service; and

WHEREAS, Gladys W. Mack selflessly served as a member of the Board of Directors to provide quality transit services to the residents of the District of Columbia and the surrounding metropolitan area.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Gladys W. Mack Recognition and Day Declaration Resolution of 2007".

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Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia honors Gladys W. Mack and declares March 29, 2007, as "Gladys W. Mack Day" in the District of Columbia.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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To honor and recognize the work of ACS Government Healthcare Solutions for its outstanding community service achievements in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, ACS Government Healthcare Solutions ("ACS") is an acknowledged leader in the healthcare industry;

WHEREAS, ACS has proven success with its customers, which demonstrates how ACS provides effective results to the entire continuum of healthcare customers;

WHEREAS, ACS has accomplished long-term success by building and cultivating superior relationships with each of its clients;

WHEREAS, ACS represents an organization that works diligently to remain at the forefront of innovative healthcare approaches;

WHEREAS, ACS initiated a comprehensive dental outreach campaign, which promotes fundamental improvements in the health status of all District residents;

WHEREAS, the comprehensive dental outreach campaign educates children in underserved communities on quality dental care;

WHEREAS, the ACS Dental Outreach Initiative will offer education seminars and free dental screenings to at-risk children; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of the District of Columbia recognize the challenging work performed by ACS, which helps ensure the health and well-being of our citizens.

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RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "ACS Government Healthcare Solutions Recognition Resolution of 2007".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and honors ACS Government Healthcare Solutions on its exceptional service to the people of the District of Columbia.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

April 3, 2007

To recognize, honor, and observe the 27th anniversary of the death and the importance of the many contributions made by Monseñor Oscar Arnulfo Romero to the people of El Salvador and humanity, and to declare March 24, 2007, as "Monseñor Oscar Arnulfo Romero Recognition Day" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, the Council recognizes and commends Monseñor Oscar Arnulfo Romero for dedicating his life to justice and fair treatment of the poor and working class people of El Salvador, many of whom now live in the District of Columbia;

WHEREAS, Monseñor Romero, Archbishop of El Salvador, was an advocate of peace and propagated the dialogue between people to resolve differences;

WHEREAS, we call for his teachings to continue among the Salvadoran communities now living in the District of Columbia and the metropolitan area;

WHEREAS, the life and works of Monseñor Romero are an inspiration for Salvadorans and all of humanity;

WHEREAS, Monseñor Romero dedicated his life and work to social justice as a great evangelist and martyr of the 20th century;

WHEREAS, Monseñor Romero gave his life for his people and has now risen in them, and has served as a beacon of hope and liberation for all people;

WHEREAS, Monseñor Romero symbolizes the struggle to defend the dignity of all people by demanding truth, justice, redress for victims of human rights violations, and the act of reconciliation for the oppressed and their oppressors; and

WHEREAS, one of our members, Councilmember Jim Graham, in August 2001, was passionately impacted by his visit to the site of Monseñor Romero's murder.

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RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Monseñor Oscar Arnulfo Romero Recognition and Day Declaration Resolution of 2007".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes, honors, and observes the 27th anniversary of the death of Monseñor Romero in his quest for justice and the demand for social services for the Salvadoran people, many of whom are now residents of the District of Columbia, and declares March 24, 2007, as "Monseñor Oscar Arnulfo Romero Day."

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

April 3, 2007

To recognize and honor the 2007 inductees, and the national, regional and posthumous awardees of the Washington D.C. Hall of Fame Society on the occasion of the Washington D.C. Hall of Fame Society legendary awards gala for their contributions to improving the quality of life for people in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, the Washington D.C. Hall of Fame was established in 1998 by Dr. Janette Hoston Harris, first city historian of Washington, D.C., to recognize those stalwarts who contributed to the growth of the city;

WHEREAS, the Washington D.C. Hall of Fame Society rewards residents of the District of Columbia for their excellence, community service, dedication, and leadership;

WHEREAS, many of those honored have established neighborhood programs and led innovative projects that have resulted in improvements in schools and communities, and enhanced the quality of life for residents of the District of Columbia;

WHEREAS, the Washington D.C. Hall of Fame Society will induct 11 new members and honor 5 others with national, regional, and posthumous awards on April 15, 2007;

WHEREAS, the 2007 Hall of Fame inductees include: True Value Hardware, Howard Pulitzer for Business; Bruce Johnson for Communications; Maudine Cooper for Civic/Community Development; Anacostia Museum, Camille Akeju for Cultural Arts; Maria Tukeva for Education; Ronald Clark for Health; Allie Latimer for Law; Barbara Lett Simmons for Politics/Government; Dr. Cain Hope Felder for Religion; Paul S. Devroux for Science/Technology/Architecture; and Frank P. Bolden for Sports; and

WHEREAS, Joe Madison will receive the national award and Patricia Mcguire the regional award, and posthumous awards will be presented to the families of Iraline Barnes, Keter Betts, and Harry L. Thomas, Sr.

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RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Washington D.C. Hall of Fame Society Awards Recognition Resolution of 2007".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia honors and congratulates all the inductees and award winners of the Washington D.C. Hall of Fame Society and recognizes their contributions to the District of Columbia.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

April 3, 2007

To recognize and honor the distinguished Dr. Elma R. Redfern for her long years of life and to congratulate her for her dedication as a teacher in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Dr. Elma R. Redfern celebrates her 80th birthday this year and completed 47 faithful years as a motivator and an educator at the University of the District of Columbia until her retirement in August 2006;

WHEREAS, Dr. Elma R. Redfern was born on March 26, 1927, in the District of Columbia to Roy and Eula Redfern;

WHEREAS, Dr. Elma R. Redfern continues to reside in the District of Columbia, was educated in the District of Columbia Public Schools system, is an alumnae of Armstrong High School, and worked as an educator for a total of 55 consecutive years as an elementary school teacher, a principal, a resource teacher, a supervising instructor, a coordinator of teacher programs, and an Associate Professor;

WHEREAS, Dr. Elma R. Redfern enjoys reading and gardening in her spare time and has also conducted workshops, delivered addresses, served as an educational panelist, been a member of Kappa Delta Pi International Honor Society for over 27 years, and is a member of Kappa Delta Pi Howard University Chapter; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Elma R. Redfern has a steadfast love of God.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Dr. Elma R. Redfern Recognition Resolution of 2007".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes, honors, and congratulates Dr. Elma R. Redfern for her long life and for her commitment to teach others.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

March 6, 2007

To recognize William Engram, Jr. on his 70th birthday and to declare March 21, 2007, as
"William Engram, Jr. Day" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, William Engram, Jr. is a native Washingtonian, born on March 21, 1907,
and is celebrating his 70th birthday;

WHEREAS, William Engram, Jr. has been residing at his current residence located
within Ward 7, at 1117 47th Place, N.E., since February 1966;

WHEREAS, since Mr. Engram's retirement nearly 10 years ago, he has been a regular
attendee at various community meetings/forums held by the Metropolitan Police Department's 6th
District; and

WHEREAS, William Engram, Jr. has been a valuable member of the Ward 7 community,
having worked on various crime prevention projects within the community with former Advisory
Neighborhood Commissioner Sam Bost.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this
resolution may be cited as the "William Engram, Jr. 70th Birthday Recognition and Day
Declaration Resolution of 2007".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia honors William Engram, Jr. and declares
March 21, 2007, as "William Engram, Jr. Day" in the District of Columbia.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in
the District of Columbia Register.

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

April 3, 2007

To declare April 21 through April 28, 2007, as "National Infant Immunization Week" in the District of Columbia to promote the benefits and effectiveness of immunizations and encourage parents to immunize their children against 14 vaccine-prevented diseases by the age of 2.

WHEREAS, vaccines and immunizations are among the most successful and cost-effective tools in maintaining public health and preventing many serious diseases;

WHEREAS, children who are in an ethnic minority, who are poor, or who live in an inner city are less likely to receive all their necessary vaccinations;

WHEREAS, immunization levels in America are promisingly at an all-time high, with vaccinations for most vaccine-prevented diseases above 80%;

WHEREAS, immunization rates in the District reached 96% in April 2006, as more than 20,000 children reached compliance through a partnership between the District of Columbia's Department of Health, the District of Columbia Public Schools, and the Children's National Medical Center;

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention adopted the partnership model to increase immunization rates in urban areas; and

WHEREAS, growing awareness provided by National Infant Immunization Week, and the Vaccines for Children program administered by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention through the National Immunization Program, enable more children each year to receive preventative immunizations.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "National Infant Immunization Week Declaration Resolution of 2007".

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Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia declares April 21 through April 28, 2007, as "National Infant Immunization Week" in the District of Columbia and encourages District residents with infants and toddlers to fully vaccinate their children against preventable diseases.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

April 3, 2007

To declare April 2007 as "National Donate Life Month" in the District of Columbia to raise awareness about how to become a donor of organs, tissues, marrow, and blood, and the importance of being a donor.

WHEREAS, approximately 95,000 Americans are in need of organ or tissue transplants, and nearly 70% of those are waiting for a kidney;

WHEREAS, each year, approximately 22,000 organ transplants and 46,000 corneal transplants are performed;

WHEREAS, each day, 77 people get an organ transplant, but 19 people on the transplant waiting list die before an organ or tissue becomes available;

WHEREAS, in the District, most people over 18 years of age may register to be organ and tissue donors and may register with the Donate Life D.C. Donor Registry;

WHEREAS, living donors may donate a kidney, stem cells, blood, and platelets, as well as portions of a liver, a lung, the intestines, or the pancreas; and

WHEREAS, a donor upon death may donate kidneys, pancreas, liver, lungs, heart, intestines, various tissues, including corneas, skin, cartilage, tendons and ligaments, or the whole body.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "National Donate Life Month Declaration Resolution of 2007".

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Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia declares April 2007 as "National Donate Life Month" in the District of Columbia and encourages District residents to volunteer to donate critical life-saving organs, tissue, blood, and marrow.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

April 3, 2007

To declare April 5, 2007, as "National Alcohol Screening Day" in the District of Columbia to provide public outreach and education about alcohol and health, and anonymous screening to determine the existence of alcohol dependency and abuse.

WHEREAS, one in every 13 American adults suffers from alcohol abuse, where there is no physical dependency, or alcohol dependency, also known as alcoholism;

WHEREAS, alcohol screenings help people recognize the symptoms of alcohol abuse and dependency and learn where to get support for themselves and family members in the local community;

WHEREAS, signs that either you or a loved one has a problem with alcohol include: drinking to calm nerves or forget problems; feelings of guilt surrounding drinking; being unable to reduce or stop drinking; lying about drinking; injuries resulting from drinking; steadily requiring more alcohol to become intoxicated; feeling irritable or unhappy when not drinking; and suffering medical, social, familial, or financial problems as a result of drinking;

WHEREAS, alcohol screenings are free and anonymous, and provide an opportunity to: learn more about alcohol and your health, complete a questionnaire, view a video, take informational materials, and speak with a health professional;

WHEREAS, in 2006, approximately 220,000 people attended an alcohol screening, and 45% scored as being in the harmful or hazardous drinking range;

WHEREAS, many screened participants scoring in the harmful or hazardous range chose to either reduce their alcohol consumption or enter into a treatment program as a result of the screening; and

WHEREAS, on April 5, 2007, the following District locations will conduct free and anonymous screenings: The American University, located at 4400 Massachusetts Ave., N.W.,

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the District of Columbia Department of Health-Addiction Prevention and Recovery Administration, located at 825 North Capitol Street, N.E., the D.C. Reentry Service Center, located at 609 H Street, N.W., The George Washington University-Community Counseling Services Center, located at 2134 G Street, N.W., Howard University Hospital, located at 2041 Georgia Avenue, N.W., Frank D. Reeves Center, located at 2000 14th Street, N.W., and Walter Reed Army Medical Center, located at 6900 Georgia Avenue, N.W.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "National Alcohol Screening Day Declaration Resolution of 2007".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia declares April 5, 2007, as "National Alcohol Screening Day" in the District of Columbia and encourages District residents to be aware of the behaviors and symptoms associated with alcohol abuse and dependency, and to seek screening and guidance from a health professional if either they or a loved one may be struggling with alcohol-related problems.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

April 3, 2007

To declare April 23 through April 29, 2007, as “Cover the Uninsured Week” in the District of Columbia to promote the importance of children’s health coverage and to support the reauthorization of the State Children’s Health Insurance Program.

WHEREAS, nationally, there are 46 million uninsured Americans, of which 9 million are children;

WHEREAS, in the District, 13.8% of residents (75,000+) are without health insurance, of which 10,000 are children;

WHEREAS, the high cost of health insurance is the primary reason that most people are uninsured, with only 9% of people in families with a yearly income of \$50,000 or more lacking insurance, but nearly 41% of people in families with a yearly income of \$5000 or less lacking insurance;

WHEREAS, being employed does not mean a worker or family is insured—90% of uninsured children reside in families where at least one parent works, and 50% of uninsured children reside in families where both parents work;

WHEREAS, in 1997, Congress authorized the State Children’s Health Insurance Program (“SCHIP”) to provide coverage for children whose families earned too much to qualify for Medicaid, but were not offered or unable to afford private medical insurance;

WHEREAS, today, SCHIP covers 6 million children, and over the last 10 years, SCHIP has provided millions of children with the opportunity to see doctors for infant, sick and wellness care, hospitalizations, immunizations, dental and eye care, and to receive prescriptions;

WHEREAS, since the implementation of SCHIP, the number of uninsured low-income children nationally has decreased by a quarter, from 22.4% to 17.7%, or approximately 2 million children;

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WHEREAS, SCHIP enrollment in the District has more than doubled in the last 5 years, from covering 2,807 children in 2001 to covering 6,631 children in 2005; and

WHEREAS, children with healthcare coverage are better prepared to learn in school and to succeed in life.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Cover the Uninsured Week Declaration Resolution of 2007".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia declares April 23 through April 29, 2007, as "Cover the Uninsured Week" in the District of Columbia and encourages District residents to support the reauthorization by Congress of SCHIP and to promote policies that help to further insure the District's uninsured residents.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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To declare April 2007 as "Alcohol Awareness Month" in the District of Columbia to raise awareness about risky drinking, alcohol dependency and abuse, and the availability of screening sites to assist with detection and treatment.

WHEREAS, alcohol has been consumed on at least one occasion by 82% of Americans age 12 and older, and approximately 109 million Americans have consumed alcohol in the last month;

WHEREAS, risky drinking behavior includes excessive or binge drinking, and drinking in situations that increase the risk of harm occurring;

WHEREAS, risky drinking behavior may result in alcohol abuse, which is defined as the regular use of alcohol despite recurrent adverse consequences, but with no physical dependency;

WHEREAS, signs of alcohol abuse are: use resulting in a failure to fulfill obligations, such as work, school, or at home; use in situations that are physically hazardous, such as driving under the influence; recurrent alcohol-related legal problems; or persistent use despite accompanying social or personal problems;

WHEREAS, alcohol abuse can disrupt family and social relationships, lead to violence and aggression, legal problems, increased risk of injuries, contributing to unsafe sex and the contraction of sexually transmitted diseases, and negative health effects, including coronary heart disease, liver cirrhosis, and cancer;

WHEREAS, nationally, annual economic costs of alcohol abuse equals nearly \$200 billion in lost worker productivity, healthcare costs, property damage, crime- and fire-related costs, and social expenditures;

WHEREAS, alcohol dependence, or alcoholism, is suffered by 5.4 million Americans aged 12 and older;

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WHEREAS, experiencing 3 or more of the following in a 12-month period may signal alcohol dependence: requiring increased consumption to reach intoxication; withdrawal symptoms, including sweating, nausea or vomiting, anxiety, hallucinations, or seizures; drinking more or longer than was intended; persistent need to control or cut down on consumption; reducing or avoiding social, occupational, or recreational activities; spending a lot of time obtaining, consuming, and recovering from the effects of alcohol; and consuming alcohol regardless of recurring physical or psychological problems; and

WHEREAS, alcohol screening and treatment tools range from self-administered questionnaires and clinician-administered interviews, to interventions and rehabilitation providing behavioral treatment and support services.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Alcohol Awareness Month Declaration Resolution of 2007".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia declares April 2007 as "Alcohol Awareness Month" in the District of Columbia and encourages District residents to be aware of the risks involved with consuming alcohol, the behaviors and symptoms associated with alcohol abuse and dependency, and the availability of detection and treatment options.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

April 3, 2007

To declare May 3, 2007, as "IONA Senior Services Day" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, IONA Senior Services, founded in 1975 as IONA House, is celebrating over 30 years of serving senior citizens throughout the District of Columbia;

WHEREAS, IONA Senior Services offers social services, adult day care, transportation, congregate meals, and home-bound meal delivery to over 4,000 seniors annually without regard to their ability to pay, under the auspices of the District of Columbia Office of Aging;

WHEREAS, IONA Senior Services provides unique services to persons with Alzheimer's disease and their families, through the IONA adult day health center, Early Alzheimer's Clubs, and Memory Loss Support group;

WHEREAS, IONA Senior Services offers a wide range of services for seniors to help them stay healthy, including exercise classes, flu shots, nutrition programs, and seminars;

WHEREAS, IONA Senior Services conducts support groups for seniors, family members, and caregivers to help them cope with Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease, low vision, and caregiving concerns; and

WHEREAS, IONA Senior Services is supported by over 400 volunteers who provide more than 25,000 hours of services per year.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "IONA Senior Services Day Declaration Resolution of 2007".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia declares May 3, 2007, as "IONA Senior Services Day" in the District of Columbia.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

April 3, 2007

To honor Greater Southeast Community Hospital's medical staff in recognition of National Doctors' Day on Friday, March 30, 2007.

WHEREAS, this Doctors' Day appreciation at Greater Southeast Community Hospital will honor the 280 physicians for their dedication to the medical profession in caring for the medical needs of this community;

WHEREAS, Doctors' Day was established in 1958 by act of the United States Congress to nationally commemorate the medical profession;

WHEREAS, March 30th was the date selected because it was on that day in 1842 that Dr. Crawford W. Long of Jefferson, Georgia discovered the use of ether as an anesthetic agent for surgery;

WHEREAS, Dr. Crawford W. Long's contribution to the medical profession has made this date of his medical discovery a significant day to salute doctors nationwide;

WHEREAS, the doctors of Greater Southeast Community Hospital provide more uncompensated care than any other physicians in Ward 8 of the District of Columbia and surrounding areas;

WHEREAS, the doctors of Greater Southeast Community Hospital provide services in one of the most medically underserved areas of the city of Washington, D.C.;

WHEREAS, the doctors of Greater Southeast Community Hospital provide care to some of the most medically compromised patient populations in the city of Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, the medical staff of Greater Southeast Community Hospital has demonstrated its commitment and dedication during some of the hospital's most troubling times.

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RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Greater Southeast Community Hospital Doctors Recognition Resolution of 2007".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and salutes the efforts of Greater Southeast Community Hospital and the many physicians who provide medical care to the residents of Ward 8 and surrounding areas of the District of Columbia.

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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To recognize and honor former Ward 5 Councilmember Vincent B. Orange, Sr. on the occasion of his 50th birthday.

WHEREAS, Vincent Bernard Orange, Sr. was born April 11, 1957 in Oakland, California;

WHEREAS, Vincent Bernard Orange, Sr. earned a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from the University of the Pacific in 1979 and a Bachelor of Arts in Communications in 1980;

WHEREAS, Vincent Bernard Orange, Sr. earned a Juris Doctoris from the Howard University School of Law in 1983;

WHEREAS, Vincent Bernard Orange, Sr. earned a Master of Laws in Taxation from the Georgetown University Law Center in 1988;

WHEREAS, Vincent Bernard Orange, Sr. served as a United States delegate to the United States/Japan Bilateral Session in Tokyo, Japan in 1988;

WHEREAS, Vincent Bernard Orange, Sr. served as a delegate to the Moscow Conference on the Law and Bilateral Economic Relations in 1990;

WHEREAS, Vincent Bernard Orange, Sr. served as a delegate to the First African/American Summit convened in Abidjan, Cote D'Ivoire and Dakar, Senegal in 1991 and as a delegate to the Second African American Summit in Libreville, Gabon in 1993;

WHEREAS, Vincent Bernard Orange, Sr. was first elected to serve as Councilmember for Ward 5 in 1998 and was re-elected in 2002;

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WHEREAS, Vincent Bernard Orange, Sr. was the guiding force behind the District of Columbia Emancipation Day Holiday and deserves much of the credit for bringing new businesses to Ward 5;

WHEREAS, Vincent Bernard Orange, Sr. was recently named as Pepco's new Region Vice President-District of Columbia;

WHEREAS, Vincent Bernard Orange, Sr. is the husband of Gwendolyn Evans Orange and the father of Vincent Orange, Jr., Paul Wesley Orange, and Jannie Elizabeth Orange; and

WHEREAS, Vincent Bernard Orange, Sr. is a member of the Greater Washington Society of CPAs, the District of Columbia Bar, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., Michigan Park Citizens Association, Howard Law Alumni Association, and the Metropolitan A.M.E. Church.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Vincent Bernard Orange, Sr. 50th Birthday Recognition Resolution of 2007".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and honors the contributions and achievements of Vincent Bernard Orange, Sr. on the occasion of his 50th birthday.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

April 3, 2007

To posthumously recognize and honor the life and achievements of AIDS activist and environmental advocate Bob Hattoy.

WHEREAS, Bob Hattoy was born November 1, 1950, in Providence, Rhode Island, the son of a mechanical engineer and a school registrar, and moved with his family to Anaheim, California when he was in junior high school;

WHEREAS, while in college, Bob Hattoy became politically active protesting the Vietnam War;

WHEREAS, Bob Hattoy joined the staff of the Sierra Club in 1979 and eventually became the organization's Regional Director in California and Nevada;

WHEREAS, just after learning that his HIV infection had progressed to full blown AIDS in 1992, Bob Hattoy was invited by Democratic presidential nominee Bill Clinton to give a speech about the disease to delegates at the Democratic National Convention;

WHEREAS, Bob Hattoy's speech at the convention in New York's Madison Square Garden was much celebrated in the Gay community and by people living with HIV and AIDS;

WHEREAS, Bob Hattoy went to work for President Bill Clinton in 1993 as a deputy in the Office of White House Personnel and was the White House liaison to the United States Department of Interior from 1994 to 1999;

WHEREAS, Bob Hattoy was also appointed by President Clinton to the Presidential Commission on HIV/AIDS, where he served as Chairman of the Commission's Research Committee;

WHEREAS, Bob Hattoy was a vocal advocate for gays and lesbians in President Clinton's administration;

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WHEREAS, in 2002, Bob Hattoy was appointed by former California Governor Gray Davis to the California Fish and Game Commission, which adopts policies for the Department of Fish and Game and regulates hunting, fishing, and species protection efforts;

WHEREAS, Bob Hattoy was reappointed to the Fish and Game Commission in 2003 to a 6-year term and was elected president of the 5-member commission in February 2007;

WHEREAS, Bob Hattoy's 15-year battle against AIDS included bouts of recurrent pneumonia and other complications, but also included long periods of good health;

WHEREAS, Bob Hattoy died in Sacramento, California on Sunday, March 4, 2007, of complications from AIDS; and

WHEREAS, Bob Hattoy is survived by a sister, Debbie Hattoy, of Phoenix, and a brother, Steven Hattoy of Oklahoma.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Bob Hattoy Posthumous Recognition and Appreciation Resolution of 2007".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and honors the life and achievements of Bob Hattoy.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

April 3, 2007

To posthumously recognize and honor Karen Rosenthal for her dedication and passion for community service in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Karen Rosenthal was beloved by her husband, Daniel Rosenthal, her 2 children, Ethan, age 6, and Lucy, age 3, and her untimely passing has left her family, friends, and community bereft of a good friend, caring mother, and community leader;

WHEREAS, Karen Rosenthal lived in the District of Columbia for 14 years, and was very active in community service during that time;

WHEREAS, from 1993-1999, Karen Rosenthal served as both a member of the condominium association of 2141 P Street, and as a 2-term Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner in Single Member District 2B02;

WHEREAS, as an ANC Commissioner, Karen Rosenthal was widely known as the "queen of the voluntary agreement" for her ability to get community and local business establishments to agree, for the first time, on hours, noise levels, and cleanliness;

WHEREAS, in 1999, Karen Rosenthal moved to AU Park and quickly became involved in the local community;

WHEREAS, Karen Rosenthal's involvement with Friendship "Turtle" Park began when she served as a volunteer from 1999 to 2002;

WHEREAS, Karen Rosenthal became a board member of the Friends of Friendship Park from 2002 to 2007, and its President from 2003 to 2007;

WHEREAS, for the past 5 years, Karen Rosenthal ran the Mayfair, the key fundraising event for the park, including over 100 volunteers and the attendance of over 2,000 people;

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WHEREAS, under Karen Rosenthal's leadership, funds raised for the park tripled;

WHEREAS, Karen Rosenthal took the lead in park improvements, including twice-annual planting and ongoing maintenance, and replanting \$15,000 worth of new trees to replace dying ones in the shady park;

WHEREAS, Karen Rosenthal spearheaded the popular "sprayground" fountain, the establishment of "Turtle Time," a twice-weekly winter playgroup at the park, and "Story Time," a weekly reading activity at Friendship Park;

WHEREAS, Karen Rosenthal was also active in the community outside of the park, including working with many other "friends of" groups around the city, and petitioning for, and getting, stop signs placed at dangerous intersections; and

WHEREAS, Karen Rosenthal worked to keep the community vibrant, safe, and active.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Karen Rosenthal Recognition and Memorial Resolution of 2007".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia honors Karen Rosenthal for her exemplary community service to the city of Washington, D.C., and recognizes that the Friendship "Turtle" Park should be known as the "Karen Rosenthal Memorial Park."

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.

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A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

April 3, 2007

To recognize and honor the Gallaudet Community Relations Council for its vital role in improving the quality of life for the residents of the Near Northeast Community and strengthening the relationship between Gallaudet University and the community.

WHEREAS, Gallaudet University, the world's only university in which all programs and services are specifically designed to accommodate deaf and hard of hearing students, was founded in 1864 by an Act of Congress;

WHEREAS, Gallaudet University is located in the Near Northeast Community, which is in Wards 5 and 6 of the District of Columbia, and consists of enterprises and neighborhoods such as the Florida Avenue Market, Trinidad, the H Street Corridor, and Stanton Park;

WHEREAS, in 1975, Gallaudet University and the community came together to establish a formal corps of community leaders who would be advised on the university developments that might be of interest to or would have an impact on the community;

WHEREAS, the Gallaudet Community Relations Council is an organization comprised of private citizens, businessmen and women residing or working in the Near Northeast Community, and staff, students, and faculty members of Gallaudet University;

WHEREAS, the Gallaudet Community Relations Council's goals are to: encourage community participation in cultural, recreational, educational, and social programs on Kendal Green; share information about the university's programs and activities with community groups, clubs, and churches; seek out resources in the community that will facilitate a link between theory and practice for Gallaudet University students; and introduce faculty, staff, and students to the cultural, educational, social, and recreational resources in the community;

WHEREAS, the Gallaudet Community Relations Council has increased the community's awareness of Gallaudet University and its purpose, brought many residents together with the Gallaudet University campus, given advice regarding university plans affecting the community,

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and received support from the university on community plans;

WHEREAS, major university plans that will affect the neighborhood are reviewed by the Gallaudet Community Relations Council before they are finalized; and

WHEREAS, the Gallaudet Community Relations Council sensitized the university to the history, accomplishments, and characteristics of the people who make up the neighborhood.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Gallaudet Community Relations Council Recognition Resolution of 2007".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and honors the Gallaudet Community Relations Council for its role in improving the quality of life for the residents of the Near Northeast Community and for strengthening the relationship between Gallaudet University and the community

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.

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A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

April 3, 2007

To recognize and honor the contributions of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments on the occasion of its 50th anniversary.

WHEREAS, in April 1957, 40 officials from Washington-area jurisdictions voluntarily gathered to establish an organization where they could exchange ideas and work together on regional issues like transportation, the environment, and public safety;

WHEREAS, this organization became the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments;

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments is an independent, nonprofit organization comprised of elected officials from the District of Columbia and 20 other local governments in suburban Maryland and Northern Virginia, plus area members of the Maryland and Virginia legislatures, the United States Senate, and the United States House of Representatives;

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments' activities have for the past half century touched the lives of the citizens of the National Capital Region and have helped to improve the quality of life for all residents;

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments has developed regional responses to such issues as environmental protection, affordable housing, economic development, human services, land use development, public safety and emergency response, and transportation;

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments galvanized the region's response to the September 11th attacks and the ongoing emergency preparedness program;

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments served as the site where major decisions were made during the Potomac River clean-up and has led the fight against air pollution with a model law and a daily air quality index;

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WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments organized one of the nation's first regional conferences on AIDS and helps find foster and adoptive families for vulnerable children and teenagers, including many who have been orphaned by AIDS; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments will mark its 50th anniversary with a number of special events culminating in a gala celebration on November 15, 2007.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments 50th Anniversary Recognition Resolution of 2007".

Sec. 2. The Council recognizes and honors the contributions of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments on the occasion of its 50th anniversary.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

April 3, 2007

To posthumously honor and recognize Ezekiel C. Mobley, Jr. for his years of outstanding public service and stellar contributions to the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Ezekiel Mobley, Jr. was a magna cum laude graduate of Howard University, and a graduate of the Georgetown University Law Center, the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, and the London School of Economics;

WHEREAS, Ezekiel Mobley, Jr. served as a Captain in the United States Army, during which time he revised state of New York and New Jersey war plans;

WHEREAS, Ezekiel Mobley, Jr. served with distinction as Chief of Staff to former Councilman Frank Smith of the Council of the District of Columbia;

WHEREAS, Ezekiel Mobley, Jr. served as Chief Administrative Law Judge on the regulatory and ratemaking panel for the Hackers' License Appeal Board that governed the District of Columbia's 8,000-member taxicab industry;

WHEREAS, as Chairman of the Hackers' License Appeal Board, Ezekiel Mobley, Jr. conducted trial-type revocation hearings and proposed legislation to the Mayor of Washington, D.C. on reorganization;

WHEREAS, Ezekiel Mobley, Jr. was a contributing correspondent for The African American Times newspaper;

WHEREAS, Ezekiel Mobley, Jr. mentored numerous minority communities across the United States, advocating African Americans and Latinos need to work together to define their common agenda to create political and economic force within American politics;

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WHEREAS, through the Pittsburgh Interfaith Impact Network, Mr. Mobley was actively involved in issues of comprehensive immigration reform and had begun advocacy efforts surrounding the reauthorization of the Voting Rights Act;

WHEREAS, Ezekiel Mobley, Jr. created and produced 2 progressive and innovative public affairs cable television shows--Africa at the Millennium TV and HOLA! El show de television; and

WHEREAS, Ezekiel Mobley, Jr. was a significant part of African American history from his involvement with the Harlem Youth Opportunities Unlimited, Inc. through his mentoring and networking with various minority communities in Washington, D.C., Los Angeles, Pittsburgh, and Boston, stimulating growth and empowerment.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Ezekiel Mobley, Jr. Memorial Recognition Resolution of 2007".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and honors Ezekiel Mobley, Jr. for his exceptional service to the people of the District of Columbia.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

April 3, 2007

To honor and congratulate Letha M. Blount as the founding director of the Ms. American Classic Woman of the Year Washington, DC Chapter Pageant.

WHEREAS, Letha M. Blount, a former Ms. Senior Ward 2, was crowned Queen of Washington, DC in 2000 and represented the District of Columbia in the national American Classic Woman of the Year Pageant in Charleston, South Carolina;

WHEREAS, Letha M. Blount became the director of the local pageant in 2002;

WHEREAS, Letha M. Blount was born July 29, 1930 in Pikeville, North Carolina, the youngest of 9 children, and became a resident of Washington, D.C. in 1952.

WHEREAS, after training at Wayne School of Nursing and United School of Nursing, Letha became a licensed practical nurse in 1953, and retired after 45 years of practicing nursing in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area;

WHEREAS, Letha M. Blount was married to the late William H. Blount, and had 2 children, 6 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren, and 3 great-great-grandchildren;

WHEREAS, Letha M. Blount has been a member of New Bethel Baptist Church for 49 years, serving as an Usher, Nurse Committee Chairperson, and Board Member;

WHEREAS, Letha M. Blount played a key role in establishing the Foster House Nutrition Program for senior citizens, having served as a volunteer program coordinator for 14 years, and is currently president of the Foster House Tenant Association;

WHEREAS, Letha M. Blount's community participation reflects intergenerational involvement, including serving as a first aid instructor for Boy Scouts Troop #79, co-founding AARP Shaw Chapter #3225, and serving in the Prince Hall Chapter #5 OES, as well as many other community/civic organizations; and

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WHEREAS, Letha M. Blount's honors include Woman of the Year, Nurse of the Year, Volunteer Activist of Washington, D.C., and 1995 Ms. Senior Ward 2.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution be cited as the "Letha M. Blount Recognition Resolution of 2007".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia congratulates Letha M. Blount for her devotion to friends and family and to the District of Columbia.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

April 3, 2007

To posthumously recognize and honor Mrs. Irene W. Fisher for a life that is a testimony of commitment to community service, Christian leadership, and support for women in the military.

WHEREAS, Mrs. Irene W. Fisher, age 90, departed her earthly life on Sunday, March 25, 2007, at the Washington Specialty Hospital in Washington, D.C.;

WHEREAS, Mrs. Fisher is a recognized founding member of A. P. Shaw United Methodist Church in Southeast Washington, D.C., where she served in many positions, but was most proud of being a Sunday School teacher and later becoming the first Church School Superintendent;

WHEREAS, Mrs. Fisher was instrumental in passing her deep love and passion for learning to the youth at Shaw and the surrounding community;

WHEREAS, Mrs. Fisher was involved in other ministries, such as the Chairman of Education, a member of the Missions and Communion Steward Boards, and the Women's Society of Christian Service (later the United Methodist Women);

WHEREAS, Mrs. Fisher is noted for her intense community service, which was shown through her continuous giving of time in Barry Farms and Frederick Dwellings Housing Projects community events, military communities in California, volunteer work at the Greater Southeast Community Hospital, and assisting various churches throughout her life with her skill and knowledge of teaching; and

WHEREAS, because of Mrs. Fisher's superior administrative skills, devotion to duty, strong support of teaching and community leadership, from her family line has come leaders, mentors, musicians, dedicated church members, and a strong line of military women.

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RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Mrs. Irene W. Fisher Posthumous Recognition Resolution of 2007".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and honors the work of Mrs. Irene W. Fisher for the betterment of her community, Christian leadership, and support for Women in the Military.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.